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The individual republics of the nation control the research within their own areas except in those few instances where there is voluntary cooperation among scientists on a national basis, as for example, when it is agreed to do research in a given field and there is an agreement as to the methods to be followed throughout the country. Generally, medical research is followed in three segments:

- a. the universities, which are the most important
- b. the non-university hospitals
- c. the special institutions which are under the Academy of Sciences

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An important role in research is also played by the Institutes of Hygiene, especially the central Institute in each republic. In Zagreb the work of these Institutes is closely tied in with the School of Public Health. [REDACTED] the individual scientist is given a great deal of autonomy in the selection of his problems and his methods.

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[REDACTED] The local medical publications are as follows:

- a. Liecnicki Vjesinik (Medical Bulletin)
- b. Srpski Arhiv (Serbian Archives of Medicine)
- c. Higijena (Hygiene)
- d. Vojno-Sanitatarski Glasnik (Medical Sanitary Bulletin)
- e. Zdravstvene Novine (Health News)
- f. Acta Medicina Jugoslavica
- g. Publications of the Academies, especially the Academy at Zagreb

Of these, (f) is by far the best and (g) next best. (a) is the best of the journals, as such. Not all of these publications are up to US standards, and [REDACTED] the work is better in the clinical fields than in the fundamental sciences. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] physicians are more effectively organized into associations and thus have better facilities for reporting their research efforts. There is no separate journal either in physiology or in biochemistry. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] practically no Soviet medical publications were coming into the country. There was a good representation of European journals in the libraries and a tremendous interest in US journals. However, the shortage of dollars is felt quite critically in this area and the possibilities of acquiring US publications were severely limited. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The greatest weakness of medical practice in Yugoslavia is the lack of an adequate number of physicians. Another weakness may be the overcrowding in the medical schools and the impact of eight years of war and turbulence. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The best available review of research in the biological sciences is contained in the program of the First Congress of Yugoslavian Biologists, 12 - 15 July 1953. This report indicates not only the direction of research but the individuals involved.

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The possibilities of study abroad [redacted] have significantly increased the number of better trained research scientists who are interested and anxious to keep up contact with [redacted] medical science. The knowledge of English and interest in US publications has been steadily increasing. Efforts are being made to create research associations of physiologists and biochemists and to establish a Yugoslav journal for the basic medical sciences. These are all positive developments. The biggest single problem and the most important one is the inadequacy of salaries of the medical research worker as compared with his colleagues in the practicing field.

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